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Attention: All Prospective Proposers

Subject: JPL Request for Proposal (RFP) Number CEF-567818,
Deep Space Network Operations & Maintenance

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory, operating under a prime contract with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), will conduct a competitive source selection resulting in contract award to the company offering the best value in the operation and maintenance of the Deep Space Network (DSN). A draft RFP was posted on the DSN web site on February 14, 2003 and the final RFP is now available on this same site:

<http://acquisition.jpl.nasa.gov/rfp/dsno&m/>

Individual paper copies of the RFP will not be mailed to prospective proposers. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, you are advised to contact the undersigned JPL Contract Negotiator and provide your e-mail address for inclusion on a proposer's e-mail address list. All future communications pertaining to this RFP, including any and all addenda, will be sent electronically to the companies on the e-mail address list and posted to the web site listed above.

All proposers are advised that the Final RFP supercedes the Draft version of the RFP. Moreover, there are some differences between the Draft and Final versions of the RFP. Each proposer has sole responsibility for reading and understanding the Final RFP and Specimen Contract, including all Exhibits, Attachments, General Provisions, and Additional General Provisions. In particular, please read page 1 of the Final RFP and take note of the items excluded from the page count and type font size. In addition to the CD which was provided to contractors during the JPL Industry Briefing visits, another CD (Bidder's Library Disk No. 2) has been prepared which provides additional, useful background information and will be sent via Federal Express on March 7, 2003 to the person who signed the nondisclosure agreement for your company.

Proposals in response to this RFP are due not later than 3:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on Friday, April 11, 2003. All proposers are cautioned to read Section 4.0, Late Proposals, of the RFP. Except as specified in Section 4.0, JPL will not accept any proposals received at any time after the due date and time. To facilitate the schedule associated with the selection of the contractor, JPL requests that you submit Volume III – Past Performance by March 28, 2003. In the event that you are unable to provide this

Volume III by the above-requested date, Volume III must be submitted no later than the time/date specified on the RFP cover page.

Any questions and comments regarding the RFP should be directed in writing to the JPL Contract Negotiator, Cliff Findley, at e-mail address: clifford.e.findley@jpl.nasa.gov. All responses to questions and comments shall be provided in written form as formal RFP Addenda to the Proposers e-mail address and will be posted on the DSN O-&M web site.

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